

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A gel composition for protein and calcium supplementation comprising the following components and having a pH in the range of 3 to 4:

Protein or its hydrolysate that does not coagulate at

pH 3 to pH 4 3 - 8 wt. %

Calcium	0.1 - 0.5 wt. %
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Acidulant	0.5 - 3 wt. %
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Carbohydrate	4 - 20 wt. %
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Fat	0 - 5 wt. %
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Emulsifying agent	0 - 0.5 wt. %
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Agar	0.1 - 1 wt. %
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Guar gum or gellan gum	about 0.05 – <u>about 0.3</u> wt. %
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One masking agent selected from

the group consisting of hard-to-digest

dextrin and reduced hard-to-digest dextrin 0.1-20 wt. %

Water	65 - 90 wt. %
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2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented): The gel composition according to claim 1, further comprising vitamin D in an amount of 0.1×10^{-6} to 10×10^{-6} wt.%.

4. (previously presented): The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the protein that does not coagulate at pH 3 to pH 4 is at least one member selected from the group consisting of whey protein concentrates, whey protein isolates, desalted whey, and protein hydrolysates having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 10000.

5. (previously presented): The gel composition according to claim 1, comprising gellan gum.

6. (canceled).

7. (new): The gel composition according to claim 1, wherein the masking agent is reduced hard-to-digest dextrin.